

WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

Ray B. Johnston Collection

14 linear inches

Record ID: 1987-1

Donor: Gerald G. Lackey

Acquisition: Gift, 1987

Access: Open for research

Restrictions: None

Citation: Ray B. Johnston Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX

Administrative/Biographical History:

Ray B. Johnston was born in Bryan, Texas on December 25, 1892, and moved to San Angelo when he was eight years old. At the age of nineteen, Johnston became a farmer in Irion County. Following a drop in crop prices, he looked for another occupation. For a time, Johnston worked at the Santa Fe RR freight warehouse. World War I depleted the ranks of the city's bank employees, and he was hired as a bookkeeper at the San Angelo National Bank (later the Texas Commerce Bank). He worked his way up until he was named president of the bank in February 1947. He retired as an active officer in 1955. Ray B. Johnston died February 2, 1984. He had married Prudie Lackey of Sherwood in 1914; she died in 1965.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of over three hundred black and white photographs collected by Mr. Johnston. Most were taken by Allen Studio in San Angelo. The photographs are stored in five boxes. Subjects include various people, animals, buildings (interiors and exteriors) and other scenes in and around San Angelo, mostly from the 1920s and 1930s. Also included in the collection are Johnston's memoir and six antique books.

Arrangement:

Box	File	Description
1	1	Includes Photos 1 (Yates Field Discovery, 29 Oct 1926, "Gusher") through 75 (Immanuel Baptist Church)
2	1	Includes photos 76 (Interior of Old First National Bank) through 182 (Boy Scouts Ceremony)
3	1	Includes photos 183 (Concho Produce Co.-men weighing turkeys) through 250 (Mr. and Mrs. William (Myrtle) Holland
4	1	Includes photos 251 (Unidentified man, wearing sombrero, and unidentified woman) through 342 (collection of longhorn horns)

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 - 1 Ray B. Johnston's memoirs
 - 2 Includes photos 343-353
 - 3 Includes photos 354-361
- 6**
 - Includes six antique books
 - 1 The New Family Receipt-Book
 - 2 Grose's Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue
 - 3 Idylls of the King
 - 4 The American Citizen's Sure Guide
 - 5 Frobisher's New Select Collection of Epitaphs
 - 6 Hot Weather Dishes